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THE COMING FESTIVAL OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

NEVER has the result of one of the Annual Charity Celebrations of Freemasonry been looked forward to with greater anxiety than is the case at the present time, in connection with the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which is fixed to take place on Wednesday week, the 3rd July. It is quite unnecessary to tell our readers, or for matter of that to tell any one just now, that the Institution is passing through a most severe ordeal, for the general as well as the Masonic press has made frequent reference to the matter during the past few weeks. Suffice it to say its management has been inquired into, its organization has been scrutinized, and its general efficiency has been investigated. An unfavourable report has been issued by the Committee appointed to conduct these examinations, and the report itself has led to such a torrent of bitterness and ill feeling as has, happily, been unknown in connection with Masonic affairs for many years past, even if ever before the doings of the Craft called forth so much adverse criticism.

We do not propose to say much on the present occasion as to the justice or injustice of the Committee's report, but we believe it is becoming generally recognised that much more has been made of the verdict than was anticipated or intended by the Judges, and in the minds of many well able to form an opinion a reaction is already setting in—an opposition to the violent antagonism that was rife a few weeks ago, and which would have led its votaries anywhere and everywhere, provided it produced a change from existing arrangements. Things may be very bad, but they cannot be improved by making out they are worse than they really are, and some of the strongest among the objectors are beginning to ask themselves whether more advantages are certain to arise after the most severe and most radical of changes than are to be anticipated from a thorough and consistent reorganisation?

The Festival to be held on the 3rd of next month will, in a measure, set these doubts at rest, for on that occasion we shall have gathered together a large and influential body of Masons—men who are actual supporters of the Institution, and who, by their donations during the present year, have won for themselves the right of a first voice in its present management. But above all this, there is another and a far more important consideration:—On the result of the coming Festival may be said to hang the future of the Institution itself. A satisfactory Festival will restore confidence in the Charity, while an unsatisfactory one will give additional cause for anxiety among those who regard disagreement and strife as almost the worst surroundings possible to be met with. If next month's Festival shows a falling off as compared with previous years, those who are to be

entrusted with the reorganization of the Institution will be doubly fettered, and it is not too much to say that success will be almost impossible on their part. No matter how the management may be reformed, or what new features may be introduced into the conduct of the Charity, the first work to be accomplished will be to find the funds to meet current expenses, and this is what is actually required from the Festival of next month. We have been told that the funds have been spent most extravagantly, but it will be some time before any appreciable difference in the outlay can be made apparent, no matter who undertakes the work of reformation, or how zealously they may work to secure economy. There is no getting over the fact that every boy in the Institution must cost a given sum to maintain, and if the average of the past has been a high one, that of the next year or two will not be materially lessened, for reforms of such a nature as are here deemed necessary are not capable of immediate adoption, much less productive of immediate benefit. Besides all this, the Craft will have to be very careful to convince themselves, before they make any change, that what they are about to attempt is certain, aye, even likely, to prove beneficial, for it is not every change that results satisfactorily, and with such an Institution as our Boys' School at stake, it will never do to make fresh and greater blunders in attempting to remedy existing ones, which, on mature, careful and impartial consideration, may turn out to be more apparent than real.

Then again, who are the men to whom is to be entrusted the work of reform? We already have a Provisional Committee, whose powers may be said to be supreme, but will they care to continue the work; or will it be possible to secure other competent men to take their place, if the Institution is in such a state as regards finances as to render it impossible for the management to carry out the reforms they propose, or devote the whole of their time to improvements, without being harassed to find the necessary funds to pay current expenses? The only real way to secure a speedy and satisfactory reform is to place the Institution in an easy position as regards funds, and then await the decision of the brethren who are now devoting their attention to the subject.

The Festival will take place at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, as we have said, on Wednesday, the 3rd July. The chair will be taken by Bro. Richard Eve, a Patron of the Institution, Past Grand Treasurer, and Past Grand Senior Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Those who remember the election of Bro. Eve to the office of Grand Treasurer of England will agree with us that he is a most popular man among his brother Masons, as the hundreds who on that occasion attended Grand Lodge and gave him their votes testified. He will be supported in this new office by many, if not all, who then supported him, while his occupancy of the Grand Treasurership has made him even more widely known

and more generally appreciated. We shall look for a strong body of supporters being present from his Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, while, as he is almost equally well known in London, it is but reasonable to expect many of his Metropolitan friends will rally round him. Altogether, it may be said his prospects are most satisfactory, and we trust, for the sake of the Institution whose cause he is championing, as well as on his own account, that the result of his appeal will be a grand addition to the funds of the Institution.

The Alexandra Palace itself is well suited for the Festival, indeed we may say that its attractions are in many respects unrivalled. There is ample accommodation for a very large number in the banqueting saloon, more than are likely to attend on this particular occasion, while there are many other benefits to be met with here which are not to be found elsewhere. The management of the Palace are striving their utmost to make their part of the programme satisfactory, and have arranged for a special firework display for the occasion, while other novelties will be presented and attractive features introduced. The Palace is within easy distance of the metropolis, either by road or rail, and all that is wanted is a fine day to render the locale of the Festival all that can be desired. We must not forget the attractions of the Monkey Show, which will be open to the visitors on this occasion. We recently paid a visit to this exhibition, and afterwards learned, from a conversation with those in charge of the animals, much to interest us. It would seem the work of catering for this large family is in itself a Herculean task. We have recently heard that the food supplied to the Boys in the Masonic School close by the Palace was unsatisfactory as regards quality, but never a word of complaint came from the boys. The large family of monkeys at the Alexandra Palace are not so considerate, for if the "underdone mutton chop and glass of old port" prescribed for one of the company, or the afternoon cup of tea required for another, are not exactly as they should be, nothing is said, it is true, but the chop or liquid is flung with unerring aim at the head of the attendant. In this respect our "great ancestors" have the advantage, so to speak, over "more advanced members of the species," many of whom would, however, very much like to show their disapproval in a similar way, only that it would be regarded as a return to savage ways, and would go far to support the conclusions of Darwin and his followers.

Having devoted thus much of our space to the coming Festival we may once again refer to the special features which surround it. The Institution on whose behalf it is to be held is just now under a cloud, and if an exceptionally good return of subscriptions is announced much of the trouble will be at once dispelled; if, on the other hand, a meagre amount is the result, then the action of those to be entrusted with the work of reform will be so hampered as to almost prevent anything like agreement resulting. We hope therefore that all will end satisfactorily, and that the future of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will amply repay those who are working on behalf of its Ninety-first Anniversary Festival.

We should have said that the number of Stewards already enrolled on the list is upwards of three hundred, a goodly number, it is true, but at the same time there is ample accommodation and need for many more, the names of whom will be thankfully received and their services fully appreciated.

It seems that the annuities, amounting to £155, which were voted by the Annuity Board of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, leave £345 for disposal by the board at its meeting next month. Applications for these have to be lodged not later than the 27th inst.

HISTORICAL RELATION OF FREEMASONRY TO ANCIENT EGYPT.

A Lecture delivered by Bro. Alexander H. Morgan, before Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, F. and A. M., at a special meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, 25th February 1889.

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PART THIRD.

IN searching the records of the ancient nations historians are greatly assisted in their labours by the Architectural remains, which are often found in good preservation long after the governments and people by whom they were constructed have become extinct. The advancement of architecture to the dignity of a science must be attributed to the Egyptians, at least until the records of some earlier nation can be found to disprove the material evidence still existing of Egypt's prior claims. Of course the primeval inhabitants of the earth sought shelter from the elements in some form of building.

Caves and rocks could not long have served the rapidly increasing population, the "rude hut" was soon followed by the dwelling filled with the improvements man's intelligence naturally suggested. Those advantages caused others to follow in their train. He soon claimed the right of "eminent domain," which in turn was assumed by the state. This brought into existence the science of Geometry, through which the landmarks securing to each individual the boundaries of his title became "sacred and inviolate."

This great principle, incorporated in the Mosaic law, was derived by Moses from the Egyptians. To preserve and transmit to posterity the evidence of their advancement in the art of building, was and is the aim of all civilised nations. Hence arose the several orders or styles peculiar to the foremost nations of antiquity—the Egyptian, the Assyrian, the Hebrew, the Grecian, and others not so distinctly marked as to establish a national type, but sufficient to afford the means of judging as to their high or low stage of civilisation. In most of the nations the exemplification of their religions appear to have been the reigning motives for which they built, consequently in temples dedicated to the worship of their deities they sought to perpetuate their religions. Not so in Egypt. "Life," said the Egyptian Philosopher, "is but a sleep; we shall not awake to our true existence in the kingdom of Osiris till the hour of our death."

Consistent with this idea, Egyptian constructors were great in tombs and monuments for the preservation of the bodies and memories of the dead.

"They call the habitations of the living 'places of sojourn,' since we occupy them but for a short time; but to the sepulchres of the dead they give the name of 'eternal abodes,' since men will live in the other world for an infinite period." True. Temples and churches abounded throughout the land, many of them grand specimens of Egyptian architecture, but not one of them remains intact; rows of columns, heaps of ruins to fret the traveller, while the great monuments which entomb the dead are yet standing erect, imperishable, mute but eloquent witnesses to the Egyptian doctrine of the eternal existence.

The great fraternity whose disciples are assembled here this evening, also build material structures, wherein they congregate around their altars, and in appropriate ceremonies exemplify their doctrines, but not alone in Gothic piles or Grecian temples does Freemasonry seek to perpetuate her memories, but in the "spiritual building," designed by the grandest of all architects, which "without beginning and without end" will live for ever in her immortal truths.

In the preceding remarks we have endeavoured to show the general relationship that existed between the Egyptian mysteries and speculative Masonry, and in concluding we shall briefly refer to some of the practical elements of the two systems, and their close resemblance. There is in Freemasonry, as in every system, society, association or fraternity, certain means of recognition, which are necessary to distinguish its members from the non-affiliated, and this fact holds good whether the society is a secret organisation or not, whether it is esoteric or exoteric, whether it is a mystery or open, written and published. Now, in Freemasonry these peculiar means of

recognition are a part of the Landmarks of the Craft, not to be altered or disturbed, "sacred and inviolate." How they are to be given, taught and communicated is known to every Master Mason, and from whence some of those Landmarks were derived is a legitimate subject in connection with Ancient Craft Masonry and Egyptology.

Two thousand and seven hundred years before the Christian era, there was erected at the entrance of the Temple of the god "Amun Ra," in the city of the Sun, in Egypt, two great pillars or obelisks representing the sun and the moon—Osiris and Isis.

"The term Obelisk is derived from the Latin *obeliscus*, a diminutive of the Greek word *obelus*, meaning literally a *spit*, to indicate the peculiar form of this species of monument."

There were many of these peculiar shaped monuments erected throughout the land of Egypt, which appears to have been the only nation of antiquity that adopted them. They were not built of successive layers of stones but consisted of a single shaft, generally of red granite. Of all the obelisks the largest and most beautiful was that of Karnac, at Thebes, cut by Queen Amensé, about B.C. 1760; it is a single shaft of the purest and most exquisitely polished syenite, in height about 90 feet, and in weight about 400 tons.

When we remember that those immense blocks of stone were transported hundreds of miles from the quarries to the place where they were erected, we must accord to those ancient craftsmen the credit of moving great weights and masses for distances beyond anything attempted by modern engineers. "The two Obelisks were of unequal size, the one representing Osiris, the sun, was the larger, and the smaller one the moon, Isis." Those pillars were always set in pairs before the entrance, or "in the outer porch of the Temple," and behind them over the doorway was a winged globe, surmounted with the head of an asp, the emblem of royalty. This symbol with the two obelisks, Osiris and Isis, "formed the trinity of the gods, the main feature in the Egyptian mysteries and foundation of their religion," and there they were always found, that impressive trinity, as landmarks to the initiated and subjects of admiration and wonder to the profane. You see them frequently in another form, the head and breasts of the woman, the body of the bull, the paws and tail of the dog, all compounded in the sphinx, one of the most significant and ingenious creations of the Egyptian priesthood, and it was found in the apex of the obelisk within a right angled triangle couchant before the corresponding deity; while upon all the obelisks this image was depicted either as it is here described or in hieroglyphical figures.

Those two obelisks had been erected to commemorate an astronomical event in connection with Egyptian history.

It was the time when the sun, moon and the dog-star all appeared in the heavens on the same day, two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two years before the Christian era, and it was called "the year of light."*

Once in the great cycle of 1461 years, those three orbs were seen shining in the firmament at the same time, and they were adorned as representing the power and majesty of the Being by whom they were created, and to whose glory they were dedicated. As upon all their monuments, and in the curious but significant ways of the ancient Egyptians, those obelisks were covered with hieroglyphical characters, and the people paid homage to the beings symbolised in those figures without knowing what they represented; it was a blind worship, prompted in part by that innate feeling which craves a deity, and it was also directed and encouraged by the initiated.

The priests and masters of the mysteries understood their meaning, but not the masses. It was all part of a system by which a few could direct the many, and by means of "words engraven upon stones" lead a community along "paths they had not known;" but in the direction of eternal truths, just as now, after the lapse of ages, a comparatively few of the enlightened travel along the same road, teaching and illustrating the same doctrines.

In the progress of time centuries rolled on, nations rose and fell. The Israelites had broken the bonds that held them in subjection to their Egyptian task masters. The Pharaoh "that knew not Joseph" had driven their chariots into the miry bed of the Red Sea, and the overwhelming flood had covered the pursuing hosts, while Israel went forth unharmed upon her sacred mission.

* Ward.

Beyond the Jordan amidst the hills of Palestine had risen a city which, if not as extensive or as popular as Memphis, or Thebes, or Heliopolis of ancient Egypt, yet, in the interesting associations that attend upon its foundation and are connected with its history, far excels them all. On one of the hills upon which was built this famous city was erected a temple, whose splendour and costly magnificence outshone all similar works that had preceded it. Before the entrance of this majestic temple, as before the entrance to the temple of "Amun Ra," stood two pillars or columns, one on the right hand and one on the left hand. "And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple; and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz." 1 Kings vii. 21.

The designer and builder of those pillars was a Phœnician, of the city of Tyre. He was a famous worker in metals and in stone, and was sent to Solomon by the King of Tyre to assist in the building of the temple.

The Phœnicians, one of the celebrated nations of antiquity, founders of great cities and the executors of grand architecture and engineering works, were indebted to the Egyptians for all they knew in science, mathematics and astronomy. To the Phœnicians have been assigned the art of writing, the origin of making glass, the science of Navigation; when in fact all those arts and sciences were known and practised in Egypt long before Phœnicia had seen the light of day, centuries anterior to the time when the man of Tyre—Hiram the builder, was born.

This skilful workman was an adept in all the knowledge necessary to constitute a great architect, and he must have been a member of those mystic associations that kept concealed, and only imparted to their initiates the explanation of those mathematical and geometrical problems such as the supporting powers of the arch, and its life giving principle, the Keystone; the manner of determining altitudes, the results of the studies of the ancient Egyptian philosophers, all of which was carefully concealed from the great mass of ignorant workmen, "hewers of wood and bearers of burdens." There were no mystic characters or monstrous figures engraved upon those brazen pillars: but the ornamentation was in keeping with the sacred building of which they formed one of the most striking adjuncts, and the great Phœnician had bestowed upon them the impress of his prolific genius. What those pillars represent to the Freemason is known to all present, and you cannot fail to comprehend the analogy between the obelisks that stood in front of the Egyptian sanctuary and the pillars erected by the man of Tyre before the temple dedicated to the great Jehovah. Nowhere is there to be found a more striking resemblance or such indisputable evidence of the derivation of Masonic exemplification from the ancient Egyptians than in those grand and massive columns; while the time and mode and place of their erection, the events they commemorated, the sacred character of the edifice in front of which they stood, formed at least a wonderful coincidence.

That they had the same significance, that they were to the initiated in the Egyptian Mysteries what the Boaz and Jachin are to the initiated in ancient Craft Masonry, is a reasonable and just deduction, and as the descendants of Noah received through him those sacred revelations for the preservation of which the Patriarch had been saved when all mankind sank beneath the waters of the deluge, so do we recognise in those majestic pillars, "that stood in the outer porch of King Solomon's Temple," the symbolism and strength and truth of an established faith, taught and believed and exemplified to-day in Freemasonry, as it was five thousand years ago in the esoteric mysteries of the ancient Egyptians.

My Brethren, in the strange and weird emblems so graphically depicted on the walls and columns of of this hall, in those geometrical figures we behold the signs and symbols of the religious faith held by a long extinct race, whose shadows are thus thrown across the intervening centuries down to this age of truth and enlightenment, and as we look upon these curious mementos of that singular people, we must recognize and acknowledge the affinities which bind the Freemasonry of to-day to those early workers of the Craft who, in the person of the great Hebrew leader, stood before the Pharaoh of four thousand years ago and demanded the freedom of Israel, so that he might take them forth upon the journey leading to the hill of Zion.

The same bright orb, which to the Egyptians was born with each succeeding day, still shines upon those fertile

plains, and the sacred river flows onward to the sea, as when Mizraim first pitched his tents upon its banks, and laid the foundations of a mighty nation; but all else is changed.

Let us for a moment turn back the page of history and look upon one of those great cities which in the days of Egypt's greatness stood in majestic splendour along the banks of the Nile. The wealth and civilization of the day had concentrated, as it does in our own times, all the improvements, comforts and luxuries that science so freely contributes to mankind. In the busy marts commerce flourished, the merchant sold his wares, the artizan plied his trade and the crowded streets were life and bustle and activity; while above them all went up the rush and roar of a great city. Statesmen and philosophers and priests wrestled and strove over creeds and theories and doctrines. Great temples reared their imposing fronts, tall monuments pierced the sky. Forth through an hundred gates the warrior led his hosts to battle and returned crowned with laurel wreaths of victory, his "thousand captives chained to his chariot wheels." Poets sang the great deeds of their country's history, and men predicted that those towers, walls and battlements would endure for ever. But the inevitable fate of all material structures has overtaken those grand monuments of Egyptian greatness.

" * * * Time, war, flood and fire
Have dealt upon the great city's pride
Chaos and ruin! Who shall trace the void?
O'er the dim fragments cast a lunar light,
And say "here was, or is," where all is doubly night.

But if decay and ruin have come upon what was once the pride and glory of Egypt; if her temples have fallen, and even the very sight of her once great cities is unknown, and all those wondrous works, the "Colossi of Amenophis" and the stupendous Pyramids alone are standing, "serene and vigilant, still keeping their untired watch over the lapse of ages and the eclipse of Egypt"; if all else has passed into the unknown, there yet remains the doctrines of undying truth which time cannot touch, or storm or tempest shake, and they still exist, firm and unbroken to-day as in the times long gone by, when in the sanctuary of the old Egyptian temples the master taught and exemplified them to his initiates.

My brethren, God reigns, though Egypt dies; but Freemasonry lives. Upon her sacred altars throughout the world, wherever the beneficent teachings of this universal brotherhood have penetrated, the "Great Light" shines, and it shall continue to glow and burn for ages yet to come, even when the Pyramids, last vestiges of Egypt's greatness, have sunk into the deserts, and time merges into eternity.

THE QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, No. 2076.

THE first volume of a new serial, entitled "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha," and edited by Bro. G. W. Speth, having been lately published, we think a brief description of this new literary venture will be acceptable to our readers, and the more so, because the rich provision of materials included between its two covers wholly forbids our subjecting them to anything like a critical review in the current number of the CHRONICLE.

The publication, as its title imports, is composed, though not entirely, of Masonic Reprints. Part I. consists of Facsimiles and Transcripts of the "Masonic Poem," *MS., Bibl. Reg. 17. A. I.*; "Urbanitatis," *Cott. MS. Caligula, A. II., fol. 88*; and of "Instructions for a Parish Priest," *Cott. MS. Claudius A. II., fol. 127*—the press marks being in each case those of the British Museum.

Part II. comprises No. 51 of the "Plain Dealer,"—14th September 1724—containing an article on the Freemasons, and several letters alluding to the Gormogons, "An Ode to the Grand Khaibar," 1726; "A Defence of Masonry," originally printed in 1730; and "Bro. Euclid's Letter to Dr. Anderson," reprinted from the "New Book of Constitutions," 1738.

Part III. contains "A Commentary on the 'Masonic Poem,' 'Urbanitatis,' and 'Instructions to a Parish Priest,'" by Bro. R. F. Gould.

Lastly, there is an Appendix, presenting us with three carefully executed Maps, and a Glossary, all of which are the work of the Editor, Bro. G. W. Speth.

The reproduction, in facsimile, of the oldest document of the Craft, would of itself justify the issue of the handsome volume in which it appears, but the value of the publication is very sensibly enhanced by the attempt which is now made, strangely enough for the first time, to penetrate beneath the mythical colouring with which the earliest written traditions of Masonry are surrounded. This, as we are told by Bro. Gould, in his Commentary, is a portion of the task which he set himself to perform, and upon a future occasion we shall hope to lay before our readers the result of a fuller and more critical examination of the various positions which that Brother claims to have established, as well as a general review of the entire subject matter of the volume.

The present notice, however, cannot, in mere justice to Bro. G. W. Speth, be brought to a close without awarding the highest possible praise to his editorial supervision, the excellence of which is apparent on every page. Nor can we stop here, but must go on to say that his versatility in original work, as evidenced by the Appendix, leads us to hope that further examples of his skill as a draughtsman and philologist may be given to the readers of "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha" in future volumes of the series.

WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

ON the 29th ult. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., of York, gave a lecture to the above newly-formed society, in the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield; Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, presiding. There was a large assemblage of influential brethren. The originator of the society is Bro. J. Matthewman P.M. 1019, Prov. Assist. Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, and Bro. T. W. Tew Prov. Grand Master is the President. The meeting having been opened with sundry formalities, the lecturer was introduced by the Chairman, in a complimentary manner. Bro. Whytehead then proceeded to give an address on the origin and objects of Speculative Freemasonry. In doing this he glanced at the earliest notices of Masonic gatherings, where persons were introduced as members who were in no way connected as operatives with the guilds. He traced this movement down to the period when the Four Lodges met in London, at the Appletree Tavern, noticed the several schisms that occurred, gave a brief sketch of the career of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, and finally related the story of the junction of the two remaining ruling bodies in 1813. During this sketch he spoke of the early Christian character of the Order, not finally lost until the union in the present century, the suggested origin of the various Christian Degrees, and the extraordinary spread of Freemasonry in modern days, reminding his audience that, after all, Freemasonry as now known was wholly derived from this country, and that any variation made by bodies since the first origin of the present Order about 1720, was no part of Ancient Freemasonry. Whatever existed in 1717 was justifiable if practised by those bodies who derived existence from England during the eighteenth century, and that, therefore, those Grand Lodges on the Continent who maintained the distinctly Christian character of the Order were not only within their rights, but were actually more orthodox than their later brethren who had eliminated all Church teaching. The Lecturer then went on to state what were the objects of the foundation of the Order in the early portion of the eighteenth century, showing that they were principally for charitable purposes of the highest kind, not merely for the collection and doling out of alms, but for mutual support and moral protection of the brethren. He then proceeded to indicate by what means the Freemasons could best preserve and uphold the intentions of the founders, and gave many hints as to the conduct of the Lodges, both during and after working hours. He advocated the advancement of Masonic teaching, urging that it was absurd for brethren to go aimlessly and parrot-like through the offices, unaware of the reasons for the existence of their Society, ignorant of its history, and looking upon it as a sort of mixed or Republican Club. He thought there was encouragement in the fact that so many Societies were being formed for the extension of Masonic knowledge, and instanced the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in London, and the Provincial Literary Societies springing up under the auspices of the Craft, as showing that the fraternity were no longer disposed to drift helplessly and rudderless along the tide of careless ritualism, but were becoming anxious to be able to render an account of the faith that was in them. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and after some routine business the meeting was closed.

The Langton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1673, has adjourned until the second Thursday of October.

Bros. Berridge and Driver, the architects for the alteration of the premises, lately Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen-street, for the purposes of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, have received tenders ranging from £5,873 to £4,943. The lowest, that of Mr. Lawrence, has been accepted.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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APOLLO LODGE, No. 301.

THE installation of Bro. E. King, as Worshipful Master, took place at the Town Hall, Alcester, on the 12th instant. There was a fair attendance of brethren, including Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Lord Ernest Seymour, Colonel Raikes, G. H. Fosbroke, C. E. Hobbes, T. Cox, Byrch, G. M. Fayreman, S. C. Smith, J. Sladden, J. F. Burke, G. Boyden, J. Smith, S. A. Gothard, E. Birch, Freer, Tolladay, &c. The installing Master was Bro. Fayerman, of Guy's Lodge, Leamington, the ceremony being very impressively performed by him. This is Bro. King's second year of office. After the charge the W.M. invested his Officers, the Senior and Junior Wardens being Bros. Byrch and Gothard. The Apollo Lodge is of considerable antiquity, having been consecrated in 1794, so that it will soon attain its Centenary. After the installation the brethren sat down to a choice banquet, at the Swan Hotel, the repast being admirably served. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted in appropriate terms, and, in responding to his health, the W.M. expressed a hope that on the occasion of the Lodge's Centenary the position to which he had been re-invested that day would be taken by Bro. Lord Hertford. This hope was very cordially endorsed by the brethren present. A very pleasant evening was spent.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 325.

AT the annual meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Fowey, Bro. A. Cossentine was installed into the chair for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. J. A. Collins, assisted by Bros. F. B. Williams, J. Doney, Dr. P. Davis. The W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. P. Davis I.P.M., Joseph M. Williams S.W., T. W. Perry J.W., J. A. Collins Treasurer, A. Davis Secretary, S. Davis M.O., C. Slade S.O., John Williams J.O., J. Mitchell S.D., W. J. Graham J.D., P. Giles I.G., J. T. Baker Registrar of Marks, W. J. Samble Dir. of Cers., J. Graham Tyler. After the business of the day the brethren adjourned to Bro. Joseph M. Williams's, Ye Olde Ship Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served.

MENTURIA LODGE, No. 418.

ON Tuesday, the 18th inst., the usual monthly meeting was held at Hauley, where in addition to a large attendance of members there was a considerable muster of visitors from adjoining Lodges. During the evening Mr. T. Rusforth was ably initiated by the W.M. Bro. H. Windle, after which he, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bros. E. V. Greatbatch and W. Tunncliff with two Past Master's jewels. The presentation was a recognition of the services rendered by Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliff in connection with the recent searching inquiry that has taken place as to the Masonic Boys' School, Wood Green, London, both these brethren having in a great measure been the prime movers in the matter. On the ribbon is an Etruscan vase in gold, on the shoulder is a broad band, on which is inscribed "Menturia, No. 418." The terminals of cover and foot being formed of the Acanthus leaf, on the obverse side of the jewel is a suitable inscription—viz.

"Presented to Wor. Bro. W. Tunncliff, I.P.M., as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Craft in promoting and assisting in an Inquiry into the management of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, by the Brethren of Menturia Lodge, No. 418, June 1889."

The other jewel is similar, with Bro. Greatbatch's name and rank in the Craft—viz.

"Presented to Wor. Bro. E. V. Greatbatch P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, &c., &c."

Bro. H. Windle W.M. made the presentation, and addressing the brethren present said they all knew the deep interest Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliff took in the various Masonic Charities. About four years ago Bro. Greatbatch took an interest in gaining the admission of a boy into the Institution, and thereby became aware of what struck him as an improper expenditure of the funds, which caused him to examine the accounts, and since that time he has always urged the need of reformation in the management. When the recent Committee of Inquiry was proposed, Bro. Greatbatch pressed the importance of appointing thereon one-half from the Provinces, which was done. When the Committee was formed, Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliff themselves gave evidence, and obtained many other witnesses from various parts of the country. They had devoted a considerable amount of time and labour in the investigation, with the result that it was found that the Institution was managed, or rather mismanaged in the most gross way; in fact, the revelations were a scandal. However, it was hoped that all this would be altered, and that in the future the Boys' School would be conducted properly and successfully, and if that result followed, the Menturia Lodge would have cause for congratulation on the action of their two zealous brethren. W. Bro. Bromley supplemented the remarks of the W.M., and said he felt proud that they had two brethren in the Lodge who were possessed of such indomitable pluck and courage as Bros. Tunncliff and Greatbatch had evinced in the matter of the inquiry with regard to the Boys' School. They were entitled to the gratitude, not only of the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, but all the brethren in the country. Bro. Crapper, Bro. Robinson, and several visiting brethren also bore their testimony to the excellent and beneficial services rendered by Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliff. The jewels were then fastened on the two brethren, who acknowledged the handsome gifts. Bro. Tunncliff said the distinction of first attacking the gross mismanagement of the Boys' School belonged to Bro. Greatbatch. A sum of £14,000 a year was being expended in educating about 250 boys, and they also found

that that money was not being made the best of. They had devoted a great amount of time and labour to the investigation, and they had the satisfaction that those labours had been successful in bringing about a different state of things in the future. Bro. Greatbatch also suitably returned thanks, and in doing so gave some interesting details with regard to the inquiry. He said their only object had been the welfare of the Institution, and to see that the large sums of money contributed annually by the brethren should be devoted for the purpose for which it was intended. He thought one result of the inquiry would be that in future they would be able to educate and provide for three boys, where they had only been able to educate two in the past. What they had done had been for the good of that best of all Masonic virtues—charity. A banquet followed, at which after the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts and the health of the W.M. the health of Bros. Greatbatch and Tunncliff was heartily drunk.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE LODGE, No. 764.

THE installation of a W.M. took place at the Masonic Hall, West Hartlepool, on the 18th inst., in the presence of a large number of visiting brethren. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Henry Lamb, the W.M. elect being Bro. John Sinclair, who chose for his Officers Bros. H. Lamb I.P.M., W. Hodge S.W., W. R. Staveley J.W., T. Bower Chaplain, R. B. Harpley Treasurer, E. Hudson Dir. of Cers., J. Monkman Secretary, W. R. Harworth Organist, W. T. Ryan S.W., J. Lilly J.D., J. Mark I.G., W. B. Foxton S.S., L. Robson J.S., W. Atkinson Tyler.

CROXTETH UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 786.

THE ceremony of installation of Bro. W. Marwood as Worshipful Master and investment of Officers of this Lodge was performed in the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on 12th inst., in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The installing Officer was Bro. E. Sherwood, the brethren acting as presenting Officers being Bros. P. B. Deuchar and C. Wise. The brethren invested for the ensuing year were Bros. W. W. Jones I.P.M., J. Chisholm S.W., R. Robertson J.W., F. J. Bailey P.M. P.P.G.S.D. M.C., E. Sherwood P.M. Treasurer, J. A. Sherwood Secretary, A. Cornett S.D., R. Wilson J.D., W. Hogarth Org., C. E. Percival I.G., G. S. Browne S.S., and H. H. Ragg J.S. A banquet was subsequently served, under the direction of Bro. Casey, the House Steward.

BEAUREPER LODGE, No. 787.

ON Thursday, the 13th ult., the anniversary meeting was held at the Public Hall, Belper, and was largely attended by brethren of the Derbyshire and neighbouring Provinces. Bro. C. W. Southera was installed W.M., and invested the following Officers:—Bros. F. Bennett I.P.M., J. Wheatcroft S.W., J. T. Lee J.W., E. A. Hillyard Chaplain, S. Stone Treasurer, F. Handley Secretary, W. Newum S.D., J. Hunter J.D., E. J. H. Hoskyns D.C., W. W. Windle Organist, M. Hunter I.G. During the evening Bro. F. Bennett was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services. A banquet was afterwards held, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ROYAL WHARFEDALE LODGE, No. 1108.

THE celebration of St. John's Festival took place in the private rooms, Boroughgate, Oley, on Friday, the 14th inst., when the installation of Bro. William Wergman as Worshipful Master was proceeded with. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. H. Harrison, and the ceremony was performed by Bro. William Laycock. At the close the Worshipful Master invested the following brethren:—Bros. J. H. Payne I.P.M., W. H. Dawson S.W., Fred C. Cley J.W., W. Laycock Treasurer, Phil. M. Slater Secretary, F. Baraclough S.D., J. Etehells J.D., T. Houlding D.C., W. H. Tetley Steward, H. Harrison I.G., A. Walker Organist, and J. Mason Tyler.

ARLECDON LODGE, No. 1660.

ON Wednesday, the 5th instant, Bro. H. Hartley was installed as W.M. The installation ceremony was performed by Brother George Dalrymple, and after the installation Brothers R. Craig and G. Dalrymple were each presented with a Past Master's jewel, on the part of the members, by Bro. James Routledge. An excellent spread was provided at the close of the proceedings by the newly-installed Worshipful Master.

ST. MAURICE LODGE, No. 1855.

THE annual meeting was held, on the 12th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Plympton, to install Bro. G. S. Strode Lowe S.W. as W.M. for the year ensuing. The installing Officers were—Bros. Hambly P.M. 1855, T. J. R. Challice P.M. 1855, G. T. Good P.M. 1855 and W. D. Stamp P.M. 1855, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. J. B. Skinner 1855, W. H. Lister 1855, John Lavers 1855, M. Tracy 2258 1847, John R. Lord 1217, S. Jew 105 2258, D. Cross 1203, W. H. Hearder 105, W. K. Mitchell 156, E. Davies 1099, C. H. Cooper 105, D. Box 155, G. H. Sellick 1550, W. H. Mitchell 156, W. Powell 1205, W. H. Hunt 1205, R. Dickson 1205, and James Gidley 2025. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the Worshipful Master invested his Officers:—Bros. J. Martin I.P.M., J. D. Folley S.W., F. Hunt J.W., T. J. R. Challice Treasurer, R. Hambly Secretary, J. C. Revill S.D., S. Hicks J.D., J. Hellings I.G., Osborne Director of Ceremonies, Williams Assistant D.C., Joseph Pearce Organist, John Pearce and J. E. Harris Stewards, James Gidley Tyler. Bro. Hambly was appointed Representative of the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Challice Charity Steward. Among the Visitors were Bros. Major Dick, R.M.L.I., 2258, Major N. Page, R.M.L.I., 2258, Lieutenant Thomas Reynolds, 3rd D. Regiment 2258, John Cole I.G. 2025, John Lavers S.W. 223, J. N. Taylor 202, Thomas Taylor

105, J. H. Turner 230, and W. Letherby 350. The Treasurer reported favourably as to the financial position of the Lodge. The brethren, to the number of forty-two, adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent dinner was prepared, and under the genial presidency of the Worshipful Master a pleasant evening was spent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. W. Hearder, Tracey, J. N. Taylor and J. Hellings.

PERSEVERENCE LODGE, No. 371.

A MEETING in connection with the above, to instal Bro. J. H. Raven as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, was held at Maryport, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The ceremony of installing Bro. J. H. Raven as W.M. was impressively performed by Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, ably assisted by Bro. J. C. Thompson. Subsequently the following Officers were invested:—Bros. S. Bettoney S.W., T. W. Melrose J.W., Jos. Reed Secretary, Jos. Nicholson Treasurer (for the 45th time), T. Dacres S.D., T. Annison J.D., J. W. Pattison I.G., Stoddart D.C., J. Smith Organist, J. Park and J. Skelton Stewards, and J. Messenger Tyler. The Lodge having been closed, a very enjoyable banquet was partaken of.

DE MOULHAM LODGE, No. 1146.

THE annual meeting was held at the Mowlem Institute, Swanage, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Brother A. Taylor J.W. was installed in the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. There were about 40 present, including several visiting brethren, amongst whom were Bro. H. J. Mason, who ably performed the ceremony. The officers were elected and invested for the year. Afterwards the brethren adjourned for refreshments, when the usual toasts were afterwards given, and a pleasant evening was spent.

DORKING LODGE, No. 1149.

THE annual installation meeting was held at the Public Hall, Dorking, on Monday, the 17th inst, when Bro. F. Flood presided, and Bro. H. T. W. Blakeney was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. S. T. Attenborough was appointed S.W., the Rev. E. A. Chichester J.W., A. G. Turner Treasurer, J. Churchill Secretary, Challacombe S.D., C. W. G. Evelyn J.D., C. Robinson I.G., and G. Letts Tyler. At the close of Lodge business, the members repaired to the White Horse Hotel, where a banquet was served. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and among the visitors were the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. of England, and Bro. R. Eve P.G. Treasurer of England. The company numbered about 30, there being several visitors from other Lodges present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

KENLIS LODGE, No. 1267.

THE installation of Bro Armstrong and investment of Officers took place on Tuesday, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Egremont. The Officers for the incoming year were duly invested as follows:—Bros. J. Nelson I.P.M., J. Lowery S.W., R. Jukes J.W., P. Wyld Secretary, J. Muncaster Treasurer, G. B. Armes Chaplain, J. Wakefield S.D., A. E. Lamb J.D., J. A. Parker I.G., J. Stout D.C., J. G. Anderson Organist, M. Barnes, T. McLeod, T. Miller, W. Irving Stewards, S. Braithwaite Tyler. After the business had been gone through, the brethren adjourned to the Market Hall, where a banquet was held, provided by Bro. G. S. Wilson, of the Cat Inn.

CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

A MEETING was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. The chief working was that of the installation as Worshipful Master of Bro. H. J. Gaskin, one of the first initiates of the Lodge, and who has successfully filled every office up to the chair. The installing Master was Bro. Oscar von Holtorp, who performed the ceremony in an excellent manner, that called forth high praise from the brethren present. Following the ceremony a banquet was held, the new W.M. presiding.

GROVE LODGE, No. 1957.

ON Wednesday, the 5th inst., the Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Cock Inn, Hazel Grove. A sumptuous banquet was placed upon the tables by host Goffing, and about 30 were present. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. R. Brady P.M. 322, Clarkson W.M. 104, T. W. Stanley 104, John Lomas 104, H. H. Royle W.M. 322, R. B. Preston W.M. 1030, E. L. D. Bradbury P.M. 322. Bro. J. P. Bardsley installed Bro. R. Clayton W.M. Bro. Bardsley presented Bro. Maxwell I.P.M. with a handsomely-framed coloured photograph of himself. Bro. Maxwell requested the Lodge to accept the photograph, and have it hung up with the other Past Masters. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. W. H. Maxfield I.P.M., Henry Lomas S.W., J. Herbert Foster J.W., James W. Higginbotham Treasurer, J. P. Bardsley Secretary, John B. Domakin S.D., Arthur F. Grundy J.D., Charles Higginbotham I.G., Thomas Mills S.S., Albert Lomas J.S., John Scott Tyler. A banquet followed.

ROBINSON LODGE, No. 2046.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. Councillor McVicar S.D. of this Lodge, was presented with a silver cigarette case engraved with a suitable inscription. The W.M., Bro. John Beavis Groom, made the presentation on behalf of the Officers and brethren, and said the present was a tangible proof of the respect the brethren entertained for their S.D., and their appreciation of his services to the Lodge. Bro. McVicar briefly and effectively replied.

ASHBURTON LODGE, No. 2189.

ON the 13th inst., the annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Commercial Hotel, Ashburton, to instal Dr. W. S.

Gervis S.W. as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The installing Officers were Bros. J. Olver P.M. 1138 P.P.G.S.B. and W. Vicary P.M. 1138 P.P.G.M., assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—C. G. Vicary P.M. 1138, J. G. Scovil P.M. 248, W. B. Maye P.M. P.P.G.D.C. 716, J. Cole I.P.M. 710. After the ceremony the W.M. invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. C. G. S. Acock S.W., W. Pengilly J.W., F. J. W. Crowe S.D. Organist, G. C. Foot J.D., H. M. Firth I.G., E. Penwarne-Wellings Chaplain, H. Stevens Treasurer, W. J. Fraser Secretary, E. J. Sawdye D.C., J. Eales Steward, and Bro. G. Furneaux was re-appointed Tyler. Bro. H. Steele I.P.M. was appointed representative of the Committee of Petitions and Almoner. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Baker, D. A. Fraser, W. Pearse, G. L. Loam, and J. Callard from Lodge 710; and J. Heywood and L. Stevens W.M. from 1138. The Treasurer reported very favourably on the financial position of the Lodge. The brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where dinner was prepared by Bro. Sawdye. The W.M. presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE House Committee having, as soon as the result of the last Cambridge Local Examination was known, and at the instigation of the Head Governess, accorded to those children who went up (and of whom it will be remembered 18 out of 20 passed) an entire day's treat away from the School, the same came off on Friday, 14th inst. Windsor was selected, firstly on account of its beauty, secondly of its historical associations, and thirdly because none of the 20 girls had ever been there. Train was taken from Clapham Junction at 9.30, and Windsor reached about 10.45. After seeing the State Apartments, St. George's Chapel, the Memorial Chapel, &c. &c. &c., all dined together at the Castle Hotel, and then drove through the Park and Forest to Virginia Water, where a capital tea had been provided. After enjoying the beauties of that lovely place they all drove in the cool of the evening through Egham, Englefield Green, and Old Windsor to Datchet, where the train was again taken and home safely reached at 9.45, after a most enjoyable day, and one that will be remembered by them for many years to come as a red letter day. The children were of course accompanied by Miss Davis, the Head Governess, and Miss Buck, the Matron; Miss Redgrave, the first Assistant Governess, and Miss Mary Norrish, one of the teachers, the two who had had most to do in training the children for this examination, also went, and the whole party were under the care of Bros. Frank Richardson and J. H. Matthews, two active members of the House Committee, to whom a very great deal of the day's success is justly due.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday afternoon, Bro. Peter de Laude Long, the President of the Board, being in the chair. The various accounts were submitted, approved, and passed for payment. The customary gratuities, but on a reduced scale, in consequence of the smallness of the festival, than usual, were voted to those who assisted in preparing for, and on the day of, the celebration. It was further resolved that the usual sum of fifty guineas (£52 10s) should be devoted to the cost of treating the school to a visit to the Crystal Palace—a practice which has been observed by successive Boards of Stewards for several years past. The balance, however, did not allow of more than this being done, and consequently no sum was voted as a donation to the funds of the Institution, as was done at the Centenary Festival last year, when out of the balance remaining from the Stewards' Fees 280 guineas (£294) were presented to the Institution. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

An interesting feature in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be that of Saturday next, the 29th inst., when Ex-Pupils' Day will be celebrated. All ex-pupils are cordially invited to attend, at Battersea Rise, and we are assured a large number of "Old Girls" will take advantage of the opportunities thus offered to renew acquaintanceship.

The *Daily Telegraph* says, That those members of the National Liberal Club who are Freemasons are proposing that they should have a Lodge of their own, and an informal meeting to consider the suggestion of petitioning the Prince of Wales to grant a warrant for the purpose will be held in the terrace room of the club at half-past eight next Tuesday evening, when Mr. Croxden Powell, who is a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, will make a statement to the brethren. As the club is situated at Whitehall it is thought that a suitable name for the Lodge would be the Whitehall Lodge.

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THE "GOULD" TESTIMONIAL.

IN the opinion of many Brethren, the time has arrived when the long-continued services of Bro. ROBERT FREKE GOULD, P.G.D., to the literature of the Craft merit a more than passing acknowledgment. Entering this field of labour so far back as 1858, he was for many years a contributor to the Masonic Journals, but he will be best known as the author of "The Four Old Lodges;" "The Atholl Lodges;" and last, though not least, of "The History of Freemasonry," which is admitted by all authorities to be the ablest and best Masonic work ever written. Since its production, it is no longer possible to affirm, as has been constantly done by foes and friends alike, that the great body of Freemasons are without a reliable and critical history of their Society.

It is hoped that the brethren whose names are subjoined may prove to be the pioneers of a movement which will show to Bro. GOULD that the long years of study and research which he has devoted to the interest of Freemasonry are deemed worthy of substantial recognition by the Craft Universal, who in this way will best evince a genuine appreciation of his unexampled labours.

In pursuance of the above object the undermentioned brethren have therefore formed themselves into a Committee.

Individual subscriptions (but not those of Lodges or other Bodies) are limited to One Guinea.

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Names and addresses of Candidates, with name of Lodge and Chapter, must
be sent to me not later than the 3rd July next.

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's
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By order,

FRANK RICHARDSON, Prov. G. Sec.

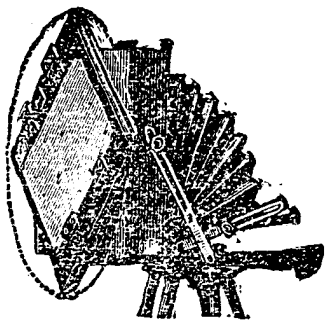
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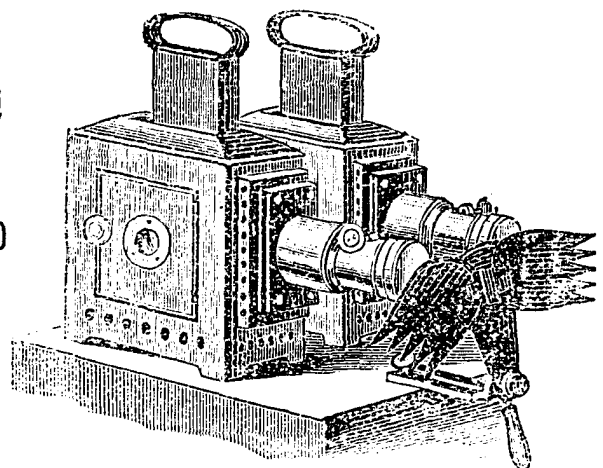
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 PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the **PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE** will be held at the **TOWN HALL, Twickenham**, on **Saturday, 29th June**, at **Three o'clock p.m.**

By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master,
HOWARD H. ROOM, P.M.,
 Provincial Grand Secretary.

30 Eardley Crescent, Earl's Court, London, S.W., 15th June 1889.
 N.B.—The Town Hall is in the centre of the Town.

Banquet at the Town Hall at 5.30. (Cold). Tickets 8s 6d each (exclusive of wine).
 Brethren intending to dine are requested to apply for Tickets (with a remittance) to the Prov. G. Secretary on or before 26th June, otherwise it will be impossible to make satisfactory arrangements, and in order to secure the comfort of those brethren who have obtained tickets, none can be issued after that date.

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The M.E. Comp. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart.
 PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the **PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER** will be held at the **Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court**, on **Saturday, the 6th day of July**, at **Three o'clock p.m.** precisely.

By command of the M.E. Grand Superintendent,
WILLIAM HENRY LEE, P.Z.
 Prov. G. Scribe E.

32 Shakespeare Road, Herne Hill, S.E.
 22nd June 1889.

Banquet at the Greyhound Hotel, at 5 p.m. Tickets 6s 6d each, exclusive of wine.

N.B.—Companions intending to remain for the banquet are requested to send their names to the Prov. Grand S.E., with a remittance, before Wednesday, the 4th of July, as tickets will not be issued after that date.

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June 22.—**GRAND POPULAR CONCERT!** Stedman's Choir. Conductor, A. Gwyllym Crowe.

June 25.—**GRAND HOSPITAL SATURDAY FETE.** Visit of the Lord Mayor.

July 3.—**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION** for **BOYS' ANNUAL FESTIVAL** and **DINNER.**

July 4.—**AMERICAN FETE.**

July 6.—**GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.** Orchestra and Chorus, 1000. Conductor, A. Gwyllym Crowe.

July 9.—**SALVATION ARMY.**

Note.—All amusements closed on this day, and no intoxicants sold.

July 12.—**GRAND ROSE SHOW** and **CROWNING** of the **ROSE QUEEN.**

July 15.—**OPENING** of the **GREAT GOLD MINING EXHIBITION.**

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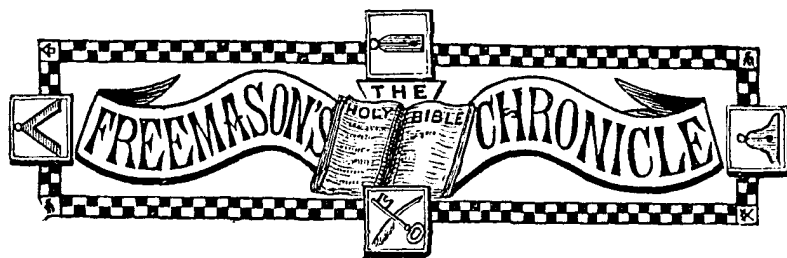
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S. LEE BAPTY, General Manager.



SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE 1889.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE BOYS' SCHOOL INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is one point in the letter of Bro. A. F. Godson, which appeared in your last issue, which calls for immediate attention. I allude to that portion in which he tells us that a mistake has been made in considering evidence that was cancelled. I feel sure that Bro. Philbrick, and those who worked with him, will readily admit the mistake, if it is a mistake, into which they have fallen—no doubt most unintentionally—now that the matter has been brought under their notice, and I await with impatience the next issue of your paper, in which I hope to see the whole matter put right, so far as personal explanation can do it. It would be unfair to say more on the subject at present, as only having one side of the question to work on, it is impossible to make surmise as to the true state of affairs, but in face of what Bro. Godson tells the Craft it must be evident that "some one has blundered."

Yours fraternally,
LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Are we to be ruled by the minority, and to stand aside and let King "Mob" have it all his own way?

We have all heard of the tailors of Toley Street; what of the TEN or TWELVE brethren who were present at the meeting called to represent over 400 Lodges,—so called UNITED PROVINCES?

Yours faithfully,
A LOOKER-ON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a Steward, I beg to protest against the issuing of the circular emanating from the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School. How two such eminent men

and Masons as my Lord Euston and Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., could attach their names to such a misleading and unwarrantable statement, which is calculated to damage the forthcoming Festival materially, I cannot understand. Every Steward who has discussed the matter agrees with me that the brethren above named evidently support the scandalous statements made by a certain brother at the Special Court—statements which I trust the individual against whom they were made is taking legal proceedings to refute.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W.M., V.P.

I append a copy of circular—the italics are mine.

“To Brother ———

“A Steward for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

“The Provisional Management Committee appointed at the Special Court, on the 6th June, in fulfilment of the duties entrusted to them, most earnestly entreat the Stewards to spare no exertion in obtaining a liberal response to their appeal for aid.

“The circumstances under which the Institution is placed imperatively demand a most generous response from all its friends.

“The Committee has arranged with the Treasurer of the Institution that all contributions which may be remitted to him shall be paid into a separate account, and applied by this Committee in the interest of the Institution.

“We are, Dear Sir and Brother,

“Yours faithfully and fraternally,

“EUSTON, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts,
“Chairman.

“FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg.,
“Vice-Chairman.”

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER CHAPTER, No. 555.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk was held at the Crown Hotel, Framlingham, on Monday, the 17th inst., when a new Chapter, to be known as the Henniker Chapter, No. 555, was consecrated. The Companions present included:—the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk (Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Prin. Soj.), Comps. W. Clarke, N. Tracy, S. R. Anness, G. F. Crane, H. Harvey George, J. B. Fraser, Hugh W. H. Elwes, James M. Harvey, Rev. Richard Peek, G. H. Cooper, J. H. Loveless, Richard Allen, H. Sadler, F. A. Mann, A. R. Abbott, S. S. Carley, B. Gall, Wm. Chapman, W. Minter, John Martin, Rev. R. O. Davies, and George Gould. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. H. W. H. Elwes officiating as H., and Comp. J. B. Frazer as J. After the consecration, which was performed in a most impressive manner, the first Principals were installed by Comp. G. F. Crane, as under:—Comps. Rev. R. Peek M.E.Z., S. G. Carley H., W. Minter J. The collars and jewels for the second and third Principals were presented to the Chapter by the Grand Superintendent (Rev. C. J. Martyn). The ordinary business of the Provincial Grand Chapter was then proceeded with, under the banner of the newly-consecrated Chapter. The roll of Chapters and the roll of Officers having been called, the report of the Board of General Purposes was read, and on the motion of Comp. W. Clarke, seconded by Comp. J. B. Frazer, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. On the proposition of Comp. J. B. Frazer, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, Comp. W. Boby was unanimously elected Treasurer. The Grand Superintendent then invested the Prov. Grand Officers, as under:—

Bro. S. R. Anness ...	...	...	H.
H. H. George...	...	...	J.
N. Tracy..	...	...	E.
Rev. N. Peek ...	...	...	N.
G. H. Cooper...	...	...	P.S.
E. Smith...	...	...	1st Asst. S.
W. B. Hanson	...	...	2nd Asst. S.
W. Chapman ...	...	...	Registrar
A. J. L. Reeves	...	...	Sword Bearer
H. C. Pratt ...	...	...	Standard Bearer
W. Clarke ...	...	...	Director of Ceremonies
F. A. Mann ...	...	...	Organist
G. Gould ...	...	...	Janitor

The Grand Superintendent briefly addressed the Chapter. He said he had little to say respecting Royal Arch Masonry in Suffolk, but he had had great pleasure in consecrating the Henniker Chapter that day, and seeing that he also consecrated a new Chapter last year, he thought he might

say they were making very favourable progress, although, of course, he should like to see a little more life shown in the Order. On the motion of Comp. Elwes, seconded by Comp. S. R. Anness, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Superintendent for the present of the collars and jewels to the 2nd and 3rd Principals in the newly-consecrated Chapter. The proceeds of the offertory were devoted towards the expense of some Masonic work which is being executed in Framlingham Church. The Provincial Grand Chapter having been closed, the Principals of the Henniker Chapter resumed their chairs, and closed the new Chapter in due form. A banquet was subsequently held, under the presidency of the Grand Superintendent, and the usual Masonic toasts were drunk.

EMULATION CHAPTER, No. 40.

THE installation meeting was held at the Castle Hotel Assembly Rooms, Hastings, on Monday, the 17th inst. The installation ceremony of the three Principals—Comps. C. W. Duke as M.E.Z., T. W. Markwick H., and the Very Rev. Currie, D.D., J.—was ably and impressively performed by Comp. Dr. Trollop, who was most heartily received by the Companions on this, the first appearance at the Chapter meetings since his late illness. The M.E.Z. invested the following Officers:—Comps. Rossiter Treasurer, Pearce S.E., Jordan S.N., R. Hughes P.S., Allen 1st A.S., Botley 2nd A.S. The business of the Chapter being ended, the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where the dinner was served by Mr. H. Boyce, the manager, in a satisfactory manner. In addition to those already mentioned the M.E.Z. was favoured with the presence of Comps. J. Farncombe, A. Kingston 862, G. C. Chapman 311, J. Euste 916, F. Duke, Captain Alderman Hennah, W. H. Russell, W. Dawes, Edmed, Sergeant, and A'Vard. Letters expressing regret at being unable to attend were read from several Companions of the Province, including Comps. Gerard Ford P.G. Superintendent, General Randolph, &c. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given by the M.E.Z. in a very pleasing manner, and responded to by those Companions with whose names they were associated. In the absence of Comp. Muscat, Mr. Guy accompanied the vocalists, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

HAYLE CHAPTER, No. 450.

THE annual convocation was held in Freemasons' Hall, Hayle, on the 14th inst. There was a large attendance of Companions, and as visitors Comps. G. H. Small P.Z. 121, M. Sampson P.Z. 121, William Colenso H. 121. The following Companions were appointed Principals for the ensuing year:—J. C. Barrow Z., H. P. Vivian H., George Williams J., and the following Officers:—J. M. Richards S.E., Richard Rowe S.N., J. B. Pearce P.Z. Treasurer, J. T. A. Staff P.S., W. Trevenen 1st A. Soj., W. Wagner 2nd A. Soj., F. W. Thomas Chaplain, R. S. Reed D.C., W. Vial and J. W. Jackson Stewards. The installation ceremony was ably carried out by the retiring P.Z., Comp. Robert Williams, assisted by Comp. W. K. Baker P.Z. The financial statement showed a small balance in hand. After the Chapter was closed the Companions adjourned to the hall, where the annual banquet was spread, and a pleasant evening spent.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER, No. 1589.

THE Companions held their installation meeting last week, at Anderton's. Comps. W. E. Farrington was installed as Z., Farthing H., T. A. Woodbridge J. Comps. T. C. Walls S.E., F. Farrington Treasurer, Beningfield S.N., Gaze P.S., C. Moore 1st Assistant Sojourner, F. H. Clemow 2nd Assistant Sojourner, and Gilbert Janitor. In the course of the evening Comp. W. H. Clemow was presented with a Past Principal's jewel.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT CHAPTER, No. 1793.

THE second Convocation of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, Teddington. Present—Comps. R. W. Forgo P.P.G.P.S. Z., Charles Stevens P.P.G. Org. H., R. R. Collick J., H. Anson S.E., H. Sapsworth S.N., A. Simmonds P.S., Mitchell acting Janitor; also Comps. Porter and Sage. Visitor—Comp. E. Dare 3rd Principal 916. Chapter was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. S. P. Hoddinott and W. R. Playford, and they being unanimously elected, were admitted and exalted to the R.A. degree, the whole of the duties pertaining to the several offices being efficiently carried out. Comps. Warner and Porter were unanimously elected to the offices of Dic. of Cers. and Organist, and Comp. Mitchell Janitor. Letters expressing regret at inability to attend were read from Ex. Comp. Thrupp P.G. 2nd Principal, Rev. T. H. Saunders Secretary P.G.S.E., Margason, Covell, Warner and others. It was incidentally mentioned that two Companions of this Chapter would probably receive Provincial honours at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter. After which the Chapter was closed in regular form.

At the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, on Saturday, the 15th instant, Bro. R. W. Boby was duly installed W.M. of the Suburban Lodge, No. 1762, Bro. J. Tickle, one of the founders, was invested Treasurer, and Bro. John Hill was re-appointed Secretary. A well-served banquet followed.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended, in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. LUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Strand.—A timid little man, borne along by the crowd an unwilling actor in the Trafalgar Square riots, who on the strength of being in possession of a stick with a red handkerchief at the end of it, which somebody has thrust into his hand, gets hauled up and punished at Bow Street. A gigantic lady, of Spanish extraction, afflicted with the monomania that the police are the natural enemies of mankind, and who believes that no man is a hero unless he is perpetually fighting with somebody. A dyspeptic hypochondriac, the intimate friend of the said little man. These are the materials out of which Mr. Hurst has constructed a farcical comedy which bristles with improbabilities from beginning to end. How Mr. Penley, as Horace Rudderkin, the little man in question, falls in love with Miss Alma Stanley, as the gigantic but not unlovely Paquita, how the size and spirit of his sweetheart frighten him into running away, how Mr. Giddens as Æsop Brooks, to oblige his friend, gives out that Rudderkin has died fighting against savages in Africa, how he then falls in love and marries Paquita, only to find that she has accepted him in order that she may continually expatiate on the valour of the said Horace, how at Nice all three unexpectedly meet, and the complications that ensue; how, to adopt the language of children's story books, everything ends up so that every body lives happy ever afterwards—all these things those who go to the theatre will see. But it is not fair to criticise from a literary standpoint a play written with the evident purpose of providing Mr. Penley with a part similar to those by which he has worked himself into popular favour. And, despite the unfavourable reception accorded to the play on the first night, if Mr. Penley will work up his business and get to know his part thoroughly there is no reason why "Æsop's Fables" should not be a success. The divinely tall Miss Alma Murray makes love to the diminutive Mr. Penley, who has to stand on a chair in order that her head may reach his shoulder is hugely amusing, but gets monotonous. Miss Alma Murray played very cleverly, but could at times hardly control her own amusement, and one was afraid she was going to burst out laughing when she simulated the opposite emotion. Mr. Giddens acted remarkably well, and extracted every morsel of comedy out of an unthankful part. A few words with regard to the incidental characters. Mr. Forbes Dawson as Major Haviside is in love with a widow, Mrs. Harrington Cunliffe, who is represented by Miss Rose Saker. Mrs. Cunliffe chaperoning her sister, Lucy Maynard, who is a very unemotional young lady, represented by Miss Ellaline Terriss. To Mr. Walter Everard is arranged the part of Baron Achille de Volnay, and Miss Gabrielle Goldney is his wife. Mr. Walter Herat has the small part of Captain Hector Sabretache, while Mr. Dagnall makes a good German waiter, but cannot be congratulated in his disguise as a German Baron. Mr. Forbes Dawson will not give up the habit of jerking, shouting out his words, and it is entirely unnecessary for him to repeat in this part the slouching walk which characterises him as Captain Wilton in "Ruth's Romance," which precedes "Æsop's Fables." Miss Saker has a very attractive face when she smiles, and her naturalness strongly contrasts with Mr. Forbes Dawson's style. Miss Ellaline Terriss suits herself to her part, or rather her part suits her, for it is dangerously calculated to develop the chief fault of her acting—a want of nerve and a lack of animation. This is a pity. Miss Gabrielle Goldney's light blue gown is a dream of delight, and her husband may almost be forgiven for being so jealous about so charming a wife. In conclusion, it rests with Messrs. Penley and Giddens to make the piece "catch on," and we shall be surprised if these capital actors fail in their endeavours.

Gaiety.—The average English player who has seen Mr. Wyndham in "The Candidate" will naturally compare his rendering of his part with that of M. Coquelin in *Le Député de Bombignac*. It is hardly necessary to say that M. Coquelin's and Mr. Wyndham's style are very unlike. In M. Coquelin's rendering there is more thought, in Mr. Wyndham's there is more, if we may use the phrase, human nature. M. Coquelin appeals through the head to the heart, Mr. Wyndham appeals directly to the heart. But after all it is a good old truth that comparisons are odious. M. Coquelin's rendering of *De Chantelaus* afforded an intellectual treat, it is a part in which he is inimitable, and the incessant laughter which he provoked proved that the audience keenly relished the comic side of *De Chantelaus's* difficulties. M. Jean Coquelin, as the Radical Pinteau, and Madlle. Kerwich, as *Rouée*, deserve special mention. The other parts were adequately rendered. M. Coquelin and his company afford opportunities for study, not only to English playgoers, but also to English actors and managers.

Mr. R. D'Albertson, the acting manager of the Avenue, gives his annual *matinée* on Monday, when, besides a host of *incidental's*, the new comic opera "Girouette" will be given, with a strong cast.

"Our Flat," a farcical comedy recently tried at a *matinée*, will be put into the evening bill at the Opera Comique on Tuesday. The cast will include Messrs. Willie Edouin, C. S. Fawcett, L. Rignold, H. Eversfield, R. Nainby, R. W. Brame; Misses Fanny Brough, Annie Goward, May Witty, and Enid Leslie.

On Tuesday next, the 25th instant, a special *Matinée* performance, under distinguished patronage, will be given by Miss Grace Hawthorne at the Princess's, for the benefit of the Middlesex Hospital. Miss Hawthorne on this occasion will revive "Heartsease," adapted from Alexandre Dumas's famous play of "La Dame aux Camelias," by James Mortimer, in which drama Miss Hawthorne will impersonate Marguerite Gautier.

Once more the Agricultural Hall, at Islington, is being occupied by our military forces, for their annual Military Tournament. Proceedings commenced on Thursday, and will be continued every afternoon and evening next week.

AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

91st ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, 1889.

To those in manhood's Summer strength,
To those in sober Autumn prime,
To those in Winter's full-blown years,
Appeal now earnestly is made;
That we, at Spring-time's hopeful shrine,
May, though in sadness looking back,
Still gladly there, our off'rings bring,
Thus solacing our by-gone years.
And nurturing Masonic Youth,
Enjoining in the world's hard fight,
To shun the wrong, maintain the right,
And, all in all, our God to trust.
To Him, Great Architect, on high,
Of the vast universe, with song,
To render worship, thanks, and praise,
Exalting the chaste torch of truth;
While gaining knowledge, wisdom, lore,
Gauge dark imposture with sure ken,
And ne'er admit within the door,
Save those of good report, and free!
Be, to our Boys, bright beacons these,
Illumine ever, this my pray'r:
"May ye, once vers'd in antient rite,
Rely on Compass, Centre, Square!"

J. H. DE RICCI.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A NUMEROUSLY-ATTENDED meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Friday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the chair being occupied by Bro. J. Duncan jun., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity. Applications were made on behalf of 20 candidates for election at the next Court of Governors, and the whole of these were received, special monetary grants being made in two cases. It was resolved to call the attention of the Lodges in the Province to the present financial state of the Institution, and to ask for increased liberality in connection with the yearly contributions.

The members of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, had a very pleasant meeting, with their Lady friends, at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, the 12th instant. The banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Palmer, who successfully strove to emulate the prestige of old days at this popular resort. As the season progresses, we hope many similar bodies of our Masonic brethren will avail themselves of the facilities the Alexandra Palace offers. The space at command is unequalled at any similar place of entertainment round London. Parties of 100 to 1000 can easily be accommodated, and Bro. Lee Bapty, who has undertaken the management at the Alexandra Palace, brings to bear on his labours an experience that proclaim him to be the right man in the right place. On the occasion we more especially refer to the Band of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys attended (by permission). The votaries of Terpsichore availed themselves of these opportunities to their hearts' content.

Obituary.

BRO. S. STEELE.

THE death is announced of Bro. S. Steele, a member of the firm of Messrs. Steele and Fraser, outfitters, of Victoria Street, Derby. Bro. Steele, the son of a Baptist Minister, lived in Derby for upwards of 30 years, and for 20 years had been in business. He passed the chair in the Lodge of Repose, nine years ago, but he had been initiated in the Hartington a long time previously. In 1881 he was appointed Treasurer to the former Lodge, and was also appointed an Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge. Brother Steele has left a wife and family to mourn his loss.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

WANTED.—To Purchase, for Cash, OLD BOOKS ON FREEMASONRY. State full Title, Date, and style of Binding; with prices required. Address, F. W., 41 Thornhill Square, Barnsbury, London, N.

Four days' silence a negative.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 9 (In)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 24th JUNE.

- 22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, S. (Inst)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 9. (Inst.)
2076—Quatuor Coronati, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
K.T. D.—Mount Calvary, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
K.T. 123—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, Golden Square
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Goshawk
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon, at 7. (Inst)
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
! 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)

TUESDAY, 25th JUNE.

- 25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 9. (Instruction)
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Ax, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
199—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 9. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
890—Dalbousie, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dalston at 9 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
1321—Emblematic, Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8. (Inst.)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich. (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 9. (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 8 (Instruction)
2108—Empire, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.30
R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1269—Stanhope, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
M.M. 3—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons Hall, Green-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
257—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
788—Crescent, Island Hotel, Twickenham
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1353—St. John, Masonic Hall, Grays, Essex. (Instruction)
1958—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1909—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Southampton, Devon
2146—Surbiton, Spread Eagle Coffee Tavern, Surbiton. (Instruction)
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 23th JUNE.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
72—Royal Jubilee, Miro, Canacery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst)
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leathehall Street, at 7. (Inst and In)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst)
539—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst)

- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
882—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 3. (Instruc.)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In)
1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst)
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)
1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 9. (Inst.)
R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
779—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley Street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
R.A. 225—St. Luke's, Freemasons' Hall, Soane Street, Ipswich
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 606—Segontian, Carnarvon Castle, Carnarvon
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Market-street, Newcastle
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

THURSDAY, 27th JUNE.

- Stewards' Visit and Distribution of Prizes, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys Wood Green
General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Leadenhall, at 8 (Instruction)
144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 395 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Deansfort House, North End, Fulham
879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Eastbourne New Rd. (In)
1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
1159—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chesor St., Kensington, at 8. (In.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bedford Garden Road, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1308—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1339—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (In.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1545—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Cannon-street, at 8 (In)
1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1622—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Cannon-street, at 8. (In.)
1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
1791—Creston, Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1959—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1996—Priory, Berrywood Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Cannonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
M.M. 118—Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street
61—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Duffington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bury
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Masonic Rooms, Park Street, Dal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington Square, St. Paul
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Staffs
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer Street, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
1437—Liberty of Havering, Rising Sun, Romford
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, High-st., West Eton, nr Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1530—Cranborne, Red Lion Hotel, High-st., Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Jewell-st., Wallington (Instruction)
R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 442—St. Peter's, Masonic Hall, Broughbarry, Peterborough
R.A. 1593—Francis Bardsley, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 28th JUNE.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
157—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 9. (Inst.)

607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
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